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Arizona Corporation Commission

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Ms. Kennedy:

Excerpt from the Arizona Corporation Commission's website home page:

"The Arizona Corporation Commission has jurisdiction over the quality of service and rates charged by public service utilities . . . Generally, the Commission tries to balance the customers' interest in affordable and reliable utility service with the utility's interest in earning a fair profit."

First, according to reports, Global Water's investors are currently receiving a 3%-4% ROI and would like eight percent. In the current economic climate, so would we all.

Second, as captive ratepayers of Global water, we strongly urge you to drastically reduce the exorbitant rate increase in Judge Jibilian's Recommended Opinion and Order (ROO). The term "***affordable***" utility service cannot logically be applied to the recommended rate increase.

As you know, there are three separate proposed increases, but they must be considered in total because all three will impact each homeowner. It is not just the increase in proposed residential sewer and water usage but also the excessive 500% increase in effluent water charged to homeowners' associations that will be directly passed on to each homeowner. In our development, this would increase our monthly bill by an estimated \$44.00.

The rate structure indicates a so-called "reward" for users consuming less than 6,474 gallons of water per month. Our current household usage averages little more than half that amount. The "reward" for any consumer currently using less than the average water usage is an increased bill. Period. Applying the proposed rate structure to our current monthly bill, the increase would be 46%.

Please carefully and judiciously exercise your charge as a member of the Arizona Corporation Commission and consider the full impact of this ROO on individual families, as well as the economic impact on the communities Global Water services, and, ultimately, the state of Arizona. Keep our water rates *affordable!*

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